

Application No. 10/054,093
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A pet food product for promoting comprehensive weight management in companion animals comprising, on a dry matter basis, about 35 to about 70% by weight of a protein, about 4 to about 10% by weight of a fat, about 5 to about 25% by weight of a fiber, about 10 to about 35% by weight of a digestible carbohydrate, and about 0.1 to about 1 % by weight of a functional ingredient.
2. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein said companion animal is selected from the group consisting of a dog and a cat.
3. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein said fat comprises essential long-chain fatty acids.
4. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein said functional ingredient is selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine, conjugated linoleic acid and a diacylglyceride.
5. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein said functional ingredient is a diacylglyceride.
6. (Original) The pet food product of claim 5, wherein said diacylglyceride is obtained from a vegetable oil.
7. (Original) The pet food product of claim 6, wherein said vegetable oil is Econa oil.
8. (Currently amended) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein a comprehensive weight management includes a change in physiology of a companion animal selected from

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a group consisting of an increase in lean body mass, weight loss, an increase in the animal's satiety, and a decrease in the animal's voluntary food intake, a decrease in blood urea nitrogen levels, and a reduced risk of ketosis.

9. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein the pet food product is selected from a group consisting of a wet pet food, a semi-moist pet food, a dry pet food, a pet treat, a pet snack, and a pet drink.
10. (Original) A process for producing a pet food product for companion animals, the process comprising the step of adding about 35 to about 70% by weight of a protein, about 4 to about 10% by weight of a fat, about 5 to about 25% by weight of a fiber, about 10 to about 35% by weight of a digestible carbohydrate, and about 0.1 to about 1% by weight of a functional ingredient, wherein said functional ingredient modulates metabolism and builds lean muscle mass.
11. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein said animal is selected from the group consisting of a dog and a cat.
12. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein said fat comprises essential long-chain fatty acids.
13. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein said functional ingredient is selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine, conjugated linoleic acid and a diacylglyceride.
14. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein said functional ingredient is a diacylglyceride.

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15. (Original) The process of claim 14, wherein said diacylglyceride is obtained from a vegetable oil.
16. (Original) The process of claim 15, wherein said vegetable oil is Econa oil.
17. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein the pet food product is selected from a group consisting of a wet pet food, a semi-moist pet food, a dry pet food, a pet treat, a pet snack, and a pet drink.

Claims 18-57 (Cancelled)

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